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Dear Mamma,

Jo and I found a Grosbeaks nest with young birds in it. They are paid birds Walter Bryan said they were worth 5. a piece and we want to raise them. We have splendid fun, I swam where it was over my head yesterday Annie Reads horse runaway Sunday and smashed the Little Red Wagon all to kindling wood. No one was hurt because no one was in it or near it. When are you coming up. Uncle is always shure to come up to Oakland

~~to come up on~~ Thursday as
~~the little girl~~ ~~[illegible]~~
~~you can come~~ with him.

Please send up a box a lb.
Bird Seed as soon as you
can

I am studying the Latin
Declentions with Willie
because I want to be ut in
Latin. Your loving son

E. C. Sanford.

P.S. Be sure and send the
seed.

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Navaro, June. 5th 78.

Dear Mamma

I'm here safe at last. Got here last eve. about 6 oclock. Was terribly sea-sick. I kept upon deck and did not throw up till we got about opposit Huckbuzzy reaf or altho be yond and then I "cared". I trew up and went be-low and threw up till I got down to the bile and when there was no bile to throw up then I'd gag. I had to ride over 4 miles from Cuffeys Cove here on horse back and so I'm a little sore but all get over it. I expect to this eve or to morow morning.

Navaro is the nicest place

I was over in with the smell of the redwoods and the view and the dogs etc.

Mr. T. is here and is more cordial than at his own house. He seemed realy glad to see me and enjoyed my telling of my sickness a good deal. Every thing is splendid up here and I have a nice room and take my meals here as long Mr. T. stayes I guess. It would do you good to be here if you could only get here.

I wish you all were up here. Haven't been sound much sick yet but will go about this A.M. with Mr. T. He was a way when I got here yesterday. There is a Telegraph Office here and the Mail leaves every day. I'll write you a longer letter next time. Don't think I like you less than Guy because I send the longer letters to him. I write to him lots of nonsence and about the girls and that takes up lots of space. Please get my pocket dictionery and send it up by mail or if Lissie has taken it to camp send up the attics "High School" Dicto. Give my Love to all the folks. Good By. I'll be shure to have a splendid time up here—

Your loving Boy
Eddie—

I'm not over the motion of the rezle yet.

Written with a quill pen I'm not used to that kind yet

E.G.S.

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Navarro, June 10, 1878

My Dear Mamma:-

I wrote you a letter last Wednesday and to Cousin Lou at the same time. She got her letter & answered by return post so that we got her letter at the same time as yours. You think wrong about catching salmon for I think there are none here now But the trout are quite plentiful Jo and I caught 37 day before yesterday and 25 to day Jo catches more than twice as many as I do. They are not the common BROOK trout but trout nevertheless But very much easier to catch almost as easey as smelt. Perhaps I'll bring some down when I come. Shooting is not so good including wild straw berries and black thimble berries such as you have at the East would'nt you like some? Shall I try and bring some down? One pair of the pants I brought is ~~ut~~ has a tremendous rip in it which I didn't see till ~~yesterd~~ this morning. Jo wants to commence to count our two week from yesterday But I guess I'll be willing to come home in two weeks from the time I got here. What do you say to my coming down overland as far as the camps and staying there a while before I come home for good—

Good By my dear Mamma

Your loving Boy

E C Stanford.

for the law forbids shooting quail grouse & deer. There are some wild pigeons here but they are very hard to kill they are so tough and stay in such high trees.

Yes I rec'd Guys Letter. Glad to hear that the folks are having so good a time. I'm sorry for are so lone some but Papa is back by this time. I wonder how Kelsey & Flint feel about it. It's fine. Mr S. left to day to go to North Fork and the ranch and from there goes to the city. There is a team going up there to morow morning and Jos & I are to go up and spend a few days there in the logging camp near the North Fork of the Navarro River. I expect it will be in some grand timber. It is about 15 miles from here over a mountain road. Cousin Low said I need not apologize to her for my misspelling for I didn't spell a word wrong in my letter to her. There are several boats here and we can have splendid fun rowing; we are going to try sailing on the river some time. We have good swimming too. The mill is not very complicated but it is powerfull. They cut about 38 000 ft of lumber per day. There are splendid wild flowers up here; I found in my Sunday P.M. walk both blue & yellow violets. I'm not sure but I think the mail comes only every other day. Ayres I'll take good care of myself and you do the same to and don't over work. Jo got here Wednesday Morning and I Tuesday afternoon. There are lots of Berries up here now about 6 kinds I believe